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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 September 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 8-10 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 21 September 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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1. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

2. Claim 8 is objected to because of the following informalities: ***. Appropriate correction is required.

In line 2, a comma should be inserted after "system".

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

There is no antecedent basis (in claim 1) for "each side wall".

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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6. Claims 1 and 3-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by De Filippi (US 4,627,783).

De Filippi '783 shows a refuse compacting system comprising container 10 with forward and rear ends, material urging structure 40, and activating means 56, 58, which "incrementally advance", as broadly claimed, the material urging structure from a retracted position at the rear of the container (figs. 1, 3) to a fully advanced position at the forward end (figs. 2, 4) to compact and discharge the container contents.

7. Claims 1 and 3-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Watson (US 4,145,824).

Watson shows a snow compactor including container 6, material urging structure 8, and activating means 18, 19 for incrementally advancing and retracting the material urging structure (see col. 3, lines 32-41).

8. Claims 1 and 3-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Lutz (US 5,314,290).

See the figure 42-43 embodiment (col. 9, line 65 to col. 10, line 31).

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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10. Claims 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over De Filippi '783 in view of De Filippi (US 4,941,796).

De Filippi '783 shows the container to have floor 12, sidewalls 14, roof 16, top opening 18, and discharge end closure means 20, but not a top opening cover.

De Filippi '796 shows a similar trash compacting vehicle having a top opening cover 20.

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified the apparatus of De Filippi '783 by adding a top opening cover, as shown by De Filippi '796, to provide better weather protection for the components inside the container as well as preventing any loose refuse from blowing out of the container during transport.

11. Claims 2 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watson in view of De Filippi '796.

Watson shows the container to have all elements of claim 2 except a top opening cover.

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Watson by adding a top opening cover, as shown by De Filippi '796, to provide better weather protection for the components inside the container.

Re claims 6-7, note in Watson slot 14 through which the ends of axle 12 (lugs) extend to connect the material urging structure to the activating means.

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12. Claims 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lutz in view of De Filippi '796.

Lutz does not show the container to have a top opening or cover.

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Lutz by adding a top opening and cover, as shown by De Filippi '796, for easier and more flexible loading of the container.

13. Claims 8-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

14. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Keenan whose telephone number is 571-272-6925. The examiner can normally be reached on (schedule varies).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathy Matecki can be reached on 571-272-6951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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